

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, July 11, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 48. }

I. The appointments of General Officers, and Officers of the General Staff in the Provisional Army, being made under special authority, and for specific objects, terminate with their commands, except in case of assignment to other appropriate duties.

II. General Orders No. 17, A. & I. G. O. November 7th, 1861, authorizing discharges from the service and furloughs by Brigade Commanders, are hereby revoked.

III. Paragraphs 160 and 161, Regulations for the Army, published March 13, 1862, are revoked, and the following Regulations are substituted:

160. When a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall be unfit for military service in consequence of wounds, disease or infirmity, his Captain shall forward to the Commandant of the Department, or of the Army in the field, through the Commander of the Regiment or Post, a statement of the case, with "Certificates of Disability," signed by the Senior Surgeon of the Regiment or Post, according to the form prescribed in the Medical Regulations. If the recommendation for the discharge of the invalid be approved, the authority therefor will be endorsed on the "Certificates of Disability," which will be sent back to be completed, and signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Command to which the invalid's Company belongs, who will also sign the discharge, and cause the Final Statements to be made out, and forward the Certificates of Disability to the Adjutant and Inspector General.

161. When a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier is absent from his Regiment or Company, in hospital, and shall be unfit for military service, for the reasons set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Senior Surgeon of the hospital will make out "Certificates of Disability," and forward them, through the Commander of the Company or Regiment, to the Commander of the Department or of the Army in the field, whose approval being given, the Commanding Officer will complete and forward the Certificates of Disability to the Adjutant and Inspector General.

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ral, and send the papers of discharge to the Surgeon. But when access to Commanders is difficult, and attended with great delay, the Certificates of Disability may, in urgent cases, be forwarded by the Surgeon to the Surgeon General for approval; which being given, the discharge will be authorized from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office; and the Surgeon will make out Final Statements.

IV. Medical Officers are prohibited from recommending leaves of absence and furloughs to sick and wounded Officers and Soldiers, except when it is absolutely necessary for them to go home to be restored to health; in which case, the Soldier only will be entitled to transportation, to be given in kind.

By command of the Secretary of War.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.